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1ST SESSION

# S. J. RES. 45

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States in order to ensure that private persons and groups are not denied benefits or otherwise discriminated against by the United States or any of the several States on account of religious expression, belief, or identity.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 21, 1995

Mr. HATCH introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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# JOINT RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-*  
3   *thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the follow-  
4   ing article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitu-  
5   tion of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents  
6   and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by  
7   the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States with-

1 in seven years after the date of its submission by the Con-  
2 gress:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “Neither the United States nor any State shall deny  
5 benefits to or otherwise discriminate against any private  
6 person or group on account of religious expression, belief,  
7 or identity; nor shall the prohibition on laws respecting  
8 an establishment of religion be construed to require such  
9 discrimination.”.

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